SCOTTS MIRACLE-GRO CO

Form 4

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

See Instruction

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

Issuer

below)

STUMP DENISE

SCOTTS MIRACLE-GRO CO

(Check all applicable)

[SMG]

(Last)

(Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title Other (specify

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

(Month/Day/Year)

01/03/2017

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C/O THE SCOTTS MIRACLE-GRO COMPANY, 14111 SCOTTSLAWN ROAD

(Street)

(First)

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Applicable Line)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

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MARYSVILLE, OH 43041

(City) (State) (Zip)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)

(Month/Day/Year)

2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if

(Month/Day/Year)

4. Securities Acquired Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported

7. Nature of Ownership Indirect Form: Direct Beneficial (D) or Ownership Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

(A) (D) Amount

Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) Price

Common Shares

01/03/2017

V 5.8603

85 32

9,729.2915

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

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1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transacti Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of ionDerivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)		8 I S (
				Code V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Phantom Stock	<u>(1)</u>	01/26/2017		A	151.621		(2)	(2)	Common Shares	151.621	

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

STUMP DENISE C/O THE SCOTTS MIRACLE-GRO COMPANY 14111 SCOTTSLAWN ROAD MARYSVILLE, OH 43041

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Signatures

Kathy L. Uttley as attorney-in-fact for Denise S. Stump 01/30/2017

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) Each share of phantom stock represents the right to receive one common share of Issuer or the cash value thereof.
- (2) Shares of phantom stock are payable in cash following termination of the reporting person's employment with Issuer. The reporting person may transfer his/her phantom stock account into an alternative investment account at any time.

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